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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants:

TENMEI, et al.

Application No.:

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Filed:

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For:

SEMICONDUCTOR APPARATUS INCLUDING INSULATING

LAYER HAVING A PROTRUSIVE PORTION (As Amended)

Art Unit:

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Examiner:

D. Nguyen

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.312

MAIL STOP ISSUE FEE Commissioner For Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 1450

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Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 CFR § 1.312, please amend the above-identified application as listed below and as set forth on the following pages:

Amendments to the Claims and

Remarks are included following the amendments.